

Mayor's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Another year has passed, and we are again, by the goodness of God, permitted to see another time of special giving of thanks draw near. Year by year, our prosperity becomes greater, and opportunities become manifold. Our people have the same wants to be supplied the same ambitions which they possessed a year ago, when the thoughts of all were for high tide of prosperity. And to-day we are gathering strength to renew our conquests in the peaceful fields of industry and to write a new record as a great and mighty nation. And so it behooves all to pause and consider the source from which all this is given, and to this end I recommend that all in this city cease their several labors and gather in their usual places of worship on the 26 day of November, 1908, and give thanks to Him, who is the Giver of all gifts.

"So let us shout our praises in our Heavenly Father's ear, And sing aloud Hosanna with glad thanksgiving cheer.

We are thankful for our bounteous past, Let us sincerely say, "We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for this Thanksgiving Day."

E. D. GRAHAM,
Mayor.

Meeting Closed.

The revival meeting at the Methodist church closed Sunday night. At the Sunday morning service there were over 30 baptisms mostly young people and children. Seventy-seven persons came forward during the meeting. A most effective work was accomplished among the young people. It will show itself in the community before many years have passed.

What This Farmer Saw.

The Kansas City Drivers Telegram used the following a few days ago:

F. P. Carter of Mexico, Mo., has been down through the new state of Oklahoma, where he saw many strange sights in the great farming districts. Mr. Carter is one of the substantial farmers of Audrain county, one of the best agricultural districts of Missouri.

"But that country down there beats all I ever saw," he said. "Where I live the country has been settled perhaps 100 years. More than a half century ago it was well settled and improved. But with all this start, there is that youngster of a country down there where farmers seem more prosperous, and where there seems to be more snap and go ahead than could be found in Central Missouri. I am taking back with me some figures that will open my neighbors' eyes. The town of Alva, but 17 years old, is a thriving little city. In that place I saw 3 large elevators, a cement plant and many other enterprises, and schools and churches that would be a credit to our state capital. There are four banks in that town. Thinking that was almost too many for the size of the town and the age of the farming country about it, I just went into the First National and asked for some information on the banking subject with special reference to that community. Well, I was shown the last official statement issued by this bank. To my great surprise it showed that there is on deposit in the bank \$595,364. Now what do you think of that? Then I ran up against just the same kind of surprises out among the farmers. Big grain crops, alfalfa and the like, and a very prosperous and progressive class of farmers everywhere. So when I get home and relate what I saw and what is actually being done down there, I am afraid my friends will doubt my word."

Talk is cheap but our goods and prices speak for themselves. Compare our goods and prices with what others are showing.

FREDENDALL & WILKINS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Duncan are in Nevada, Mo.

Faces Bad Charges.

Buck Howard last week passed a worthless check for \$15 on Henry Hawkins, colored, who keeps a grocery store for colored people in the southeast part of town. Howard then hiked out of town. A day or two later he slipped back and stole a horse from W. W. Pollock. He rode the horse to Centralia and traded it off. But the officers were on his trail and he was arrested and brought back to Mexico and lodged in jail.

Passing a worthless check and stealing are two charges against Howard. While he was away last week dodging the officers his room in the east part of town was searched and a bag of lead nickels, dimes and quarters were found. Looks like a third charge against him will be one for counterfeiting money.

Since his confinement in jail he has been suffering with fits and convulsions.

Our shoe business is increasing daily as our values are better than you can get elsewhere. Try us.

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Died This week.

George Wilfley, formerly of this county, aged 72, died in Fulton Monday of this week. He was never married. A sister, Mrs. Bart Graves of Monroe county, survives him, also a niece, Mrs. Claudia Johnson of this city. The body was shipped here and funeral service was held at the home of Mrs. Johnson yesterday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. M. Aker. Interment in the city cemetery.

SPECIAL.

In order to move our vehicles quickly and get ready for next year, we are giving away free, a set of good harness with every vehicle sold. Don't let this opportunity slip by.

Ferris & Cauthorn.

Russell Fox who has been living with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alford Fox, and going to school for the last two years, left last Saturday with his mother for his home in Texas. We regret to lose him from our town.

All the newest weaves and patterns in this Fall's Dress Goods and Silks. Big stock and prices small.

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Miss Powell Married.

Miss Lida Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Powell, north of this city, was married yesterday at 11 o'clock at the home of her parents to Mr. Milford Berrey of Moorefield, Ky. The happy couple left on the afternoon train here for their future home in Kentucky.

The bride was one of this county's brightest and most popular young women, a teacher of marked ability and success. We congratulate Mr. Berrey in winning such a prize. Our best wishes extended them both for future happiness and prosperity.

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Missionary Institute.

A missionary institute and laymen's meeting of the Methodist churches of Mexico District was held at Centralia Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The following Mexico people were on the program: Rev. W. A. Hannus, Rev. C. M. Aker, Rev. H. I. Cobb, S. P. Fmmons, A. B. Smith and Mrs. A. P. Edmons.

We are showing some excellent values in Blankets, Hosiery and Undewear. It will pay you to see them.

FREDENDALL & WILKINS.

The officers swept down on a gang of negroes playing craps one night last week. One negro showed fight and the policeman had to whip him into submission with his club. He was fined \$42.30 for his resistance and for his participation in the crap game.

Best stoves for the least money at Ferris & Cauthorn's.

Stock and Transfers.

James Ware, on Bean Creek, is fattening 125 head of hogs.

George Wilson bought a mole colt of Wm. Hesterburg for \$60.

Wm. Kyar of Bean Creek has delivered a large quantity of corn to Mexico buyers at 55 cents a bu.

B. Willingham, of Bean Creek vicinity, butchered a hog a few days ago that weighed 750 pounds.

M. H. Shoup has bought the Azdell farm of 160 acres of near Worcester from George Worthington of Melvin, Ill., paying \$7,200.

John X. Brown bought 90 head of stock cattle in Maries county, paying \$3.75 per hundred pounds. The cattle averaged 930 pounds each.

T. M. Hamilton, southeast of this city, advertises that he is going to quit farming and will have a public sale of his stock and farm implements tomorrow.

B Hubbard of this city has a bought farm—100 acres of the Arthur Wagner place six miles northwest of Mexico. Mr. Hubbard will move to the farm after a while.

Judge Baker Barnes of near Thompson topped the cattle market in St. Louis last week. He sold 15 head of steers that weighed 1,244 pounds and two steers 1,100 pounds, at \$6.50.

A. B. Weidler, near Rush Hill, has traded his 80 acre farm for the Fess Cauthorn 215 acre farm 2 1/2 miles southeast of Champ. Mr. Weidler and Mr. Cauthorn exchange about the first of next March.

W. A. Willingham, manager of the County Farm, returned from Macon City this week where he bought a fine young Jersey bull from A. D. Ralston, paying a fancy price; "you could wrap him in his coat," as Mr. Willingham expressed it.

Wm. Mason who is managing the J. R. Johnson farm north of this city weighed 120 acres of his corn crop a few days ago and the yield was found to be just 6,011 bushels—an average of a fraction over 50 bushels to the acre. That's going some in a corn yield.

John S. McCune of Laddonia bought two lots of Harvey Cummings in Vandalia for \$850 and in the spring will erect a modern and handsome residence on the ground. The lots have been graded and terraced and made ready for the building.

The Paris Appeal says that John Kane, down on the Santa Fe lane, contracted 20 acres of corn to James Bledsoe at 65c a bushel in the field. When gathered last week it averaged 37 1/2 bushels, bringing \$24.50 an acre—a pretty good income from land that cost \$40 an acre.

Two weeks since the MESSAGE mentioned the fact that Joseph Andrews of Higbee had traded his big 468 acre farm near that place to W. W. Harper for the latter's 11 room residence in this city. The final papers in the trade were signed up last Saturday. Mr. Andrews gets a fine property here and will move to our city.

Mrs. Hale Dead.

Mrs. Maud Hale, wife of A. B. Hale, died at her late home in New Mexico one day last week and the body was shipped to Laddonia, her former home, in this county, for burial. Rev. H. B. Rice will preach the funeral at the Laddonia Baptist church to-day.

Mrs. Hale was formerly Miss Maud Gilliland of Laddonia. Her father, J. A. Gilliland, and other relatives, now reside there.

The husband and several small children survive the deceased, to whom scores of friends in this county extend deepest sympathy.

WANTED.

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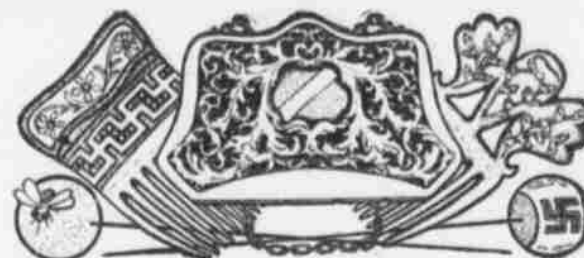
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To Build Road Next Year.

The Columbia Missourian a few days ago said: Mathias Crum, president, R. E. Race, auditor, W. W. Botts, treasurer, and several other officers of the Mexico, Santa Fe and Perry Traction Company which proposes to build a trolley line connecting Columbia, Mexico and Fulton, yesterday submitted a report of the progress of the work to J. A. Hudson, president of the Columbia Commercial Club.

Judge Crum said the line from Mexico to Perry would be completed by next fall and he hoped to finance the south line so that both would be built in 1909. Only a comparatively small block of stock of the Mexico and Perry division remains to be sold, he said, before the bonds of that division would be placed on the market. A permanent survey is now being made of the Mexico, Fulton and Columbia division. Judge Crum said the survey would be extended into Columbia perhaps in a week.

He asked the support of the Commercial club in selling in Columbia 1,600 shares of stock at \$25 a share, on the condition that the company contract for the sale of bonds to build the road.

He urged as an alternative that the citizens of Columbia pledge a straightout donation to the company, to be paid on the condition of the line being built into Columbia.

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